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SUBJECT: ECE 32ND SESSION: EC-9 DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

REF: A. GENEVA 2911 B. STATE 89512 C. LONDON 6360(ALL NOTAL)

1. CONFRONTATIONAL SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED IN WESTERN CAUCUS OVER TEXT OF EC-9 DRAFT RESOLUTION (TRANSMITTED REF A). NORWAY HAS INTRODUCED AMENDMENTS WHICH HAVE EFFECT OF SPECIFYING THEIR TRANS-BOUNDARY POLLUTION TOPIC IN OPERATIVE PARA 5 AND CALLING FOR CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD TO BE DEVELOPED BY COMMISSION SECRETARIAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, OVER NEXT YEAR, REPORTING BACK TO 33RD SESSION.

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2. NORWEGIAN SUGGESTIONS HAVE MET CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE FROM NINE, WHO, MOVED BY FRENCH INTRANSIGENCE, APPARENTLY FEEL THESE CHANGES WOULD PREJUDGE QUESTION OF WHETHER AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD OR NOT.

3. USDEL, AS INSTRUCTED REF B, SUPPORTED EC DRAFT RESOLUTION AT APRIL 21 WESTERN CAUCUS. WE ALSO,

HOWEVER, SUPPORTED NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL. AS DEPT WILL RECALL, US HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED NORWEGIAN PROJECT SINCE IT WAS FIRST BROACHED AT NATO CCMS AND ECONADS BASKET II MEETINGS LAST OCTOBER. IN OUR WESTERN CAUCUS STATEMENT, THEREFORE, WE STATED THAT US COULD SUPPORT THE EC DRAFT RESOLUTION IF IT TOOK "ADEQUATE ACCOUNT OF THE NORWEGIAN CONCERNS." AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO GET OUT IN FRONT WITH SUGGESTED LANGUAGE OF OUR OWN. NORWEGIANS HAVE RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT IN CAUCUS FROM NORDIC COUNTRIES, AUSTRIA, AND SPAIN, WITH OTHERS TAKING LINE SIMILAR TO THAT OF US AND ONLY EC STATING OPPOSTTION.

4. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO US THAT WHAT NORWEGIANS HAVE IN MIND IN NO WAY PREJUDGES QUESTION OF WHETHER TO HOLD HIGH-LEVEL ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE. IN WESTERN CAUCUS AND IN BILATERAL CONTACTS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT US NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO ANY HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE AT THIS SESSION. NINE SHARE THIS VIEW. NORWEGIANS UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THIS POSITION.

5. OUR STATEMENT AT APRIL 21 WESTERN CAUCUS WAS RECEIVED COOLLY BY NINE. TODAY FRENCH REFERRED PRIVATELY TO OUR POSITION IN LONDON MEETING LAST MONDAY (OTHER ASPECTS OF WHICH WERE APPARENTLY COVERED IN REFC). HAVING RECEIVED NO REPORT OF THAT SESSION ON THIS POINT, WE COULD NOT RESPOND TO FRENCH APPROACH. REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON REPEAT FOR GENEVA FOR USDEL CONFIDENTIAL

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ECE MEETING ANY REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT OTHER THAN THAT SET OUT IN PARA 3 OF GENEVA 2911.

6. WHILE ISUE IS STILL AT IMPASSE, THERE ARE SIGNS OF COMPROMISE ON BOTH SIDES AND USDEL STRONGLY BELIEVES WE SHOULD STAY OUT OF MIDDLE. WE BELIEVE JUST AS STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT WE CANNOT SIMPLY ABANDON SUPPORT FOR NORWEGIANS AT THIS POINT. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT'S VIEWS, PARTICULARLY ON DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY THE APPARENT US-EC LONDON AGREEMENT ACCORDS US HERE, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. SORENSON

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